

Vocabulary Warm-up Word Lists

Study these words from the selection. Then, complete the activities.

Word List A

acquire [uh KWYR] *v.* get; gain possession of

The library was able to acquire a new set of encyclopedias.

diversity [di VER suh tee] *n.* variety; difference

The diversity of plants in this forest is amazing.

exquisite [eks kwi zit] *adj.* very beautiful; delicate

We admired the exquisite painting of waterlilies in a pond.

flourishing [FLOOR ish ing] *adj.* growing vigorously; blooming

Sun, rain, and hard work will create a flourishing garden.

foliage [FOH lee ij] *n.* leaves of trees and plants

The brochure showed deer half-hidden in the foliage.

groves [GROHVZ] *n.* groups of trees

The groves of tall trees provided shade in summer.

lofty [LAWF tee] *adj.* high; tall

Lofty skyscrapers lined both sides of the street.

specimens [SPES uh muhnz] *n.* samples; typical examples

She collected specimens of shells she found on the beach.

Word List B

abundance [uh BUN duhnts] *n.* great quantity; plenty

An abundance of wildlife filled the forest and the plain.

affliction [uh FLIK shuhn] *n.* cause of pain or suffering

The disease is an affliction he learned to endure.

depart [dee PART] *v.* leave; go away

We dressed quickly so that we could depart on time.

dispatched [dis PACHT] *v.* killed; finished off

I was so hungry I dispatched the meal in a few minutes.

exceeds [ek SEEDZ] *v.* goes beyond; outdoes

Her intellect far exceeds what this simple job demands.

indications [in di KAY shuhns] *n.* signs; things that show

All the weather indications point toward a coming storm.

obscured [uhb SKYOORD] *v.* made difficult to see

We slowed down because the fog obscured the road.

occupant [AH kyoo puhnt] *n.* person existing in a place

The police questioned the occupant of each apartment.